



**LIZABETH** by the grace of God, Queene of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c. To all to whom these presents shall come greeting. Know ye that aswell in consideration of the good, faithful and acceptable service to us heretofore done, by our trustie and welbeloued seruant Sir Iohn Pakington Knight, as for and in consideration of the summe of fourty poundes of currant money of this our Realme, to be percelly answered and paid to vs our heires and successors by the said Sir Iohn Pakington his Executors or assignes into the receipt of our Exchequer at the seal of the Statutie of our Lord God, or within two moneths next after at one entrie payment during all the yerres mentioned in these presents for and during the continuance of this our grant. For the true payment wherof accordingly, the said Sir Iohn Pakington hath already put in sufficient bond & assurance to us, as also for and in consideration that the said Sir Iohn Pakington hath likewise put in sufficient bond and assurance to us for the percelly payment of the summe of four hundred poundes of currant money of this our Realme, to be likewise percelly answered and paid to us our heires and successors at the said place, and within the said time, for and during the continuance of this our grant, for and towards the satisfaction and payment of a certaine debt due to us by Richard Yung deceased, and for diuers and sundry other considerations vs mouing:

**W**e of our especial grace, certaine knowlege and meere motion haue giuen and granted, and by these presents for vs our heires and successors, do give and grant to the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes, and the assignee and assignes of his assignee and his and their assignes, full power and licence, and authoritie, that he by himselfe or by his assignes or the assignee of his assignes or his or their assignes, or of any of them aswell Englishmen and denizens as strangers borne under the obedience of any forreine Prince, being with us in league and amitie, shall and may at all times for and during the terme of eight whole yerres, from and immediately ensuing the date of these our letters Patentes prouide and buy in any part beyond the Seas being with us in league and amitie, all and euery such sort of Starch, as hee or they or any of them shall thinke good, and the same Starch from time to time to bring or send or cause to be brought or sent and transported into this our Realme or any our Dominions, and there to better, and sell, distribute and dispose the same in grosse or by retale, to his or their most commoditie, without incurring of any manner of penaltie, forfeiture, or danger in that behalf: any Law, act, Statute, ordinance, or restraint to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And further we will and graunt by these presents for vs our heires and successors, that the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes and the assignee and assignes of his assignee and his and their assignes, and the seruants, factors, and deputies of him and his assignes only (and none other) shall during the said terme, haue exercise and enioy the premisses to him by these presents before giuen and granted, and also the full and whole trade and traffique of Merchandizing and selling of Starch within this our Realme and Dominions as aforesaid.

**A**d therefore we do straightly charge and command all and euery person and persons whatsoever, of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer they be, that none of them shall during the said terme make or cause to be made any manner of Starch within this our Realme or Dominions aforesaid. And likewise that none of them (other then the said Sir Iohn Pakington or his assignes or the assignee or assignes of his assignes or his or their assignes, or his or their seruants, factors, or deputies as is aforesaid) shall during the said terme bring or send, or cause to be brought or sent, transported or layde on land, nor by any manner of means or colour, merchandise, buy, sell, utter, shift, exchange, offer to sell, or put to sale, or keepe to the intent to sell any manner of Starch into or within this our Realme or any our Dominions contrary to the effect and true meaning of this our grant, or of any Law, Statute, ordinance, restraint, proclamation or prouision in that case made or prouided: Upon paine that euery person offending in that behalf, shall not onely incurr our high displeasure, and suffer such fine, punishment and imprisonment, as is due for offences and offenders in cases of contempt against our Crowne, dignitie and prerogative Royall, but also shall likewise loose and forfeit all the Starch which shall be made, brought in, sold, merchandized, uttered, shifted, exchanged, offered, or put to sale, or kept to the intent to be sold contrary to the tenour or intent of this our present grant. The one halfe of which forfeiture, to be to vs our heires and successors, and the other halfe we give and grant by these presents, for vs our heires and successors to the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes.

**A**d for the better execution of this our grant, we do also for vs our heires and successors give and graunt by these presents to the said Sir Iohn Pakington full power, free libertie and authoritie that he the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes, and the assignee and assignes of his assignes, and his and their assignes, and his and their and euery of their seruants, factors and deputies and euery of them, shall and may at all times, and from time to time during the said terme, enter into any Ship, bosome, vessel, boat, shop, warehouse, or other place or places whatsoever, which they or any of them shall thinke good within this our Realme, or any other our Dominions by water or land, aswell within liberties as without, and there by all lawfull and conuenient wayes and means try out and search for all such Starch as shall be made, brought, transported, layde on land, bought, sold, merchandized, shifted, exchanged, uttered, offered, or put to sale, or kept to the intent to be put to sale contrary to the meaning or intent of these our letters Patentes, and to arrest, seize, take, carry away and deteine the same to the uses in these our letters Patentes before mentioned and expressed, to the intent that the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes shall and may quickly haue and enioy the moite of all forfeitures as is aforesaid (during the terme aforesaid) according to the effect of this our grant.

**W**e do further will and graunt that these our letters Patentes or the Inrolment, Duplicate, or exemplification of the same, without any further or other warrant, shall from time to time during the said terme of yerres, be a sufficient warrant and authoritie to our Treasurer of England for the time being, and to the Barons of our Exchequer, and to all other our Officers and ministers whatsoever to whom it shall or may appertaine, to allow, deliuer and pay the one moite of all the said forfeitures to the said Sir Iohn Pakington or his assignes, or the assignee or assignes of his assignes or his or their assignes to his and their owne proper use and behoofe. Which said allowance and payment thereof our will and pleasure is, to be from time to time duly made and performed accordingly during the terme aforesaid, without any denial or delay of any our Officers and ministers whatsoever.

**A**d further we will and command and by these presents for vs our heires and successors, doe straightly charge and prohibite all singular our Customes, Collectors, Comptrollers, and farmers of our Customes and Subsidies of and within all and euery Ports, Havens and Creekes and all other places whatsoever within this our Realme or any other our Dominions, and all other our Officers and Ministers whatsoever, which haue or shall haue any dealing or intermedling touching our said Customes or Subsidies, that they nor any of them by themselves, their Clerks, Deputies, and seruants, receive or take in any wise cause or suffer to be taken any Custom or Subsidie, or any thing or things whatsoever, during the said terme of yerres in the name or lieu of any Custom or Subsidie, nor compound or agree, or make any entrie into any Booke of or for any Custom Subsidie or other duetie which shall hereafter during the said terme happen or growe due to vs our heires and successors for any Starch which shall be brought into this our Realme or any other our Dominions by any person or persons, other then the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes, and the assignee and assignes of his assignes, and his and their assignes, or his or their seruants, factors, or deputies, or in the name or names of him or them, or some of them and for his and their or some of their onely use and vles.

**A**d further we will and graunt by these presents for vs our heires and successors that the Treasurer and Barons of our Exchequer for the time being by the force of this our grant or the Inrolment thereof in the same Court at all and euery time and times during the said terme at and vpon the request of the said Sir Iohn Pakington or his assignes, or the assignee or assignes of his assignes, or his and their assignes, or any other his or their attorney, factor, or depute shall haue full power, or lawfull authoritie to make and direct under the seal of the same Exchequer, such and so many writ and writs, Close or Patent unto such Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Sheriffs, Farmers of Customes, Customes, Collectors, Comptrollers, Searchers, and other Officers of vs our heires and successors in such Shires, Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Ports, Havens, and Creekes, or other places whatsoever within any our Dominions as the said Sir Iohn Pakington or his assignes or the assignee or assignes of his assignes, or his or their assignes, attorney, seruant, or factor, shall at any time require, Commanding and charging them or any of them thereby that they nor any of them during the said terme, receive or take any Custom or Subsidie or any other thing in the name or lieu of any Custom or Subsidie, or compound or agree or make any composition or agreement, or any entrie into any booke of or for any Custom Subsidie or other duetie which shall hereafter during the said terme happen or growe due to vs our heires or successors for any manner of Starch, which shall be brought into this Realme or any other our Dominions, otherwise then by vertue of and according to this our present licence and graunt, and also to doe and execute and cause to be done and executed all and euery thing and matter whatsoever, which shall and may be necessarie requisite or conuenient for the performing, executing and accomplishment of this our present grant.

**W**illing and commanding all our said Customes, Collectors, Comptrollers, and Farmers of our said Customes and Subsidies from time to time and at all times during the said terme in all places within their Office and charge carefully and diligently by all wayes and means to trie out and search for all such Starch as by any person or persons shall be made or caused to be made within this our said Realme or other our Dominions. And also to trie out and search for all such Starch as by any person or persons, other then the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes or the assignee or assignes of his assignes, or his or their assignes, seruants, factors or deputies or some of them shall within the said terme be brought and laid on land, merchandized, bought, sold, uttered, shifted, exchanged, offered, or put to sale, or kept to be sold into or within this our Realme or any other our Dominions contrary to the tenor of these our letters Patentes: and to arrest, take, seize, and to deliuer the same to the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes and the assignee and assignes of his assignes, and his and their assignes, or his or their seruants, factors and deputies of them or some of them to the uses above specified.

**A**d further that they do carefully and diligently endeuor themselves that the intent and true meaning of these our letters Patentes may be in all things kept and obserued. And if in the execution thereof they shall find any resistance, that they certifie the same into our Court of the said Exchequer, to the end the offenders therein may receive condigne punishment for the same their offences, and to the end that the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes and the assignee or assignes of his assignes, and his and their assignes, deputies, seruants, and factors and euery of them shall haue the whole benefit and profit of this our grant, according to the true meaning of these our letters Patentes.

Our expresse will and pleasure is, and we do requyre and straightly charge and command our Chauncelors and Barons of our Court of Exchequer, and all other our Judges, Iudices of peace, Sheriffs, officers, and Ministers whatsoever, within this our Realme of England and other our Dominions, vpon complaint unto them or any of them to be made by the said Sir Iohn Pakington his assignes or the assignee or assignes of his assignes or his or their assignes, factors, deputies and seruants, or any of them, that any person or persons whatsoever shall offend in making, transporting, or uttering, putting to sale, shifting, exchanging, or offering to sale, or keeping to the intent to put to sale any sort of Starch contrary to the true meaning of these our letters Patentes to enquire of, trie out, and examine by all due and lawfull means and wayes whatsoever, all and euery such offences, and the offenders therein to cause to be severely punished as contemners of our Prerogative Royall, by such fine and imprisonment and otherwise, as shall be due for such offenders, & as the qualitie of their offences shall deserue and require, and also from time to time during the said terme to take such straight orders for the restraining of all such offenders as aforesaid, & all other persons whatsoever, from doing or attempting any thing whereby the said Sir Iohn Pakington or his assignes or the assignee or assignes of his assignes or his or their assignes, deputies, factors, or seruants, shall or may be any way preiudiced or hindered, quietly to haue & enioy the benefit of this our grant according to our gracious pleasure and meaning therein expressed, as shall be lawfull and reasonable, and as in their discretions they shall thinke meete.

**A**d further we will & command by these presents that all Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Sheriffs, Iudices of the peace, Constables, Comptrollers, Searchers, & all other our Officers, Ministers, & subiects whatsoever do not onely permit and suffer the said Sir Iohn Pakington and his assignes and the assignee and assignes of his assignes and his and their assignes and his and their seruants, factors and deputies to haue & enioy the full benefit and commoditie of this our grant, but also that they be helping, ayding and assisting to him and them in the execution hereof, when they shall be therunto required, at all times during the said terme as they will answer the contrary at their vttermost perill.

Sauing alwayes to vs our heires and successors all and all manner Customes subsidies and duties which shall or ought to be in any wise due or payable of or for any Starch brought, or to be brought, or transported into this our Realme or any other our Dominions by the said Sir Iohn Pakington or his assignes or the assignee or assignes, or his or their assignes, seruants, factors or deputies or in their or any of their names or name during the said terme.

All which said Customes, Subsidies and duties, our expresse will and pleasure is to be duly and fully answered and paid to us our heires and successors during the said terme of yerres. Any thing in these presents contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. In Witnes wherof we haue caused these our letters to be made Patentes. Witness our selfe at Westminster the Twentieth day of Maye in the Fourth yere of our Raigne.

Per breue de priuato Sigillo, &c.

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Nos tenorem litterarum patentem predictarum ad requisitionem dilectorum nobis, Georgij Berisford, Thome Fuller, Iosue Crewe, & Guillemi Nottingham, duximus exemplificand per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras feci fecimus patentes. Teste meipso, &c.